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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF C-14J

May 17, 2001

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Dear Mr. Goresen:

This letter is in response to your longstanding request for certain documents from U.S. EPA. I have previously sent you a copy of the agreement between IDNS and U.S. EPA for removal action assistance at the West Chicago Residential Areas removal site. With this letter, I am enclosing copies of several documents relating to the Lindsay Light Company or the Welsbach process reportedly used by Lindsay Light for refining thorium-containing ores and applying it to gaslight mantles. River East L.L.C. provided most of the Sanborn maps. The enclosed documents consist of:

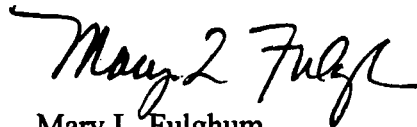
1. 1906 Sanborn Map Company of North Central Business District of Chicago
2. 1950 Sanborn Map 50 N
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5. June 1960 Sanborn Map 50 N
6. June 1960 Sanborn Map 51 N
7. October 1919 "Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering" "The Welsbach Co. Plant"
8. 1920 U.S. Tariff Commission, Tariff Information Series—No. 14, "The Incandescent Gas-Mantle Industry"
9. April 1909 "The Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry"
10. 1927 Sanborn Map Company of North Central Business District of Chicago
11. 1988 Sanborn Map 50 N
12. 1988 Sanborn Map 51 N
14. 1975 Sanborn Map 50 N
15. 1975 Sanborn Map 51 N
16. Sanborn Map 50 N [Exhibit #27]
17. Sanborn Map 161 E. Grand Site
18. 1906 Sanborn Map 50 N
19. 1906 Sanborn Map 50 N [Exhibit #25]
20. Sanborn Map 161 E. Grand Site [Exhibit #27]

21. Sanborn Map 50 [Exhibit #27]
22. Sanborn Map 51 [Exhibit #27]
23. [LARGE] Sanborn Map 52 N
24. July 7, 1952 "The West Chicago Press" (article)

I hope you find this historical information helpful. I believe at our May 10 meeting I gave you a copy of a disk containing photographs and postcards of the Welsbach factory in Gloucester, New Jersey where the Welsbach process also was used to make gaslight mantles. It may help you understand the process that was used at Lindsay Light. If our continuing research efforts turn up additional Lindsay Light historical information, I will forward it to you.

I am still working on part of your request, namely items 3, 4, and 5 relating to Quality Assurance Plans, field notes and verification reports from West Chicago. I apologize for the delay in responding to you.

Sincerely,



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